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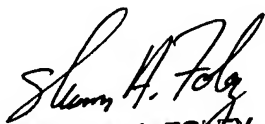
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The communication filed on 10/2/2006 is non-responsive to the prior Office Action because Applicant did not elect a group identified in the restriction requirement mailed 5/30/2006. Applicants elected Group X, SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2 and elected antibodies. However, "antibodies" was not an option for election with Group X. Group X is drawn to a method of diagnosing the presence of a tumor in a mammal comprising detecting the level of expression of a gene encoding a polypeptide, wherein the step of detecting the level of expression of a gene encoding said polypeptide employs an oligonucleotide in an in situ hybridization or RT-PCR. The election of Group X further required election of using an oligonucleotide or siRNA for detecting the gene expression, not an antibody, because the Group is drawn to detecting the gene, not the polypeptide expressed by the gene. It is still noted that there is no antecedent basis for "said RNA or oligonucleotide" in claim 98 and an siRNA and oligonucleotide would not form a complex with a polypeptide.

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